

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 13, 19-22 and 29 are amended herein. Claims 1-29 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 19 and 20 are amended herein to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and the objection to the specification.

The rejections based on Saito and Park are now discussed. Claim 1, used as an example herein, recites the controller generates the inverter off signals until the horizontal synchronization signal is detected.

In contrast, Saito teaches that the inverter off signal is generated until the (vertical) sync period *ends*. This feature is illustrated in Fig. 3 of Saito.

However, the ending of the (vertical) sync period is not necessarily the same as the detection of the horizontal synchronization signal. This distinction is further clarified in the attached Exhibit, which is a marked-up version of FIG. 3 of Saito. In the Exhibit, the timing chart of the present backlight control is compared with the signals and voltages of Saito. It is clear from the Exhibit that the present voltage goes from low to high at a different time than in Saito.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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